

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 11, and 13-28 are presently active in this case, Claims 5 and 11 having been amended, Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 13-28 having been added by way of the present Amendment.

Care has been taken such that no new matter has been entered. Support for the new claims can be in the specification, for example, on page 8, lines 14-18, page 10, lines 2-15, and page 19, lines 17-24.

The Official Action indicates that Claims 5 and 11 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and thus Claims 5 and 11 are in condition for allowance. Claims 13-28 are allowable for at least the reasons indicated above with respect to the independent claim from which they respectively depend.

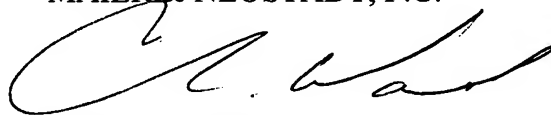
The rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejections thereof moot.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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